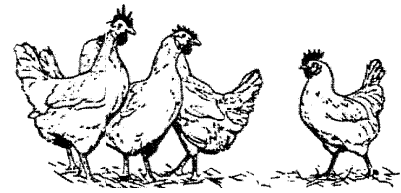


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U.S. MAY EGG PRODUCTION

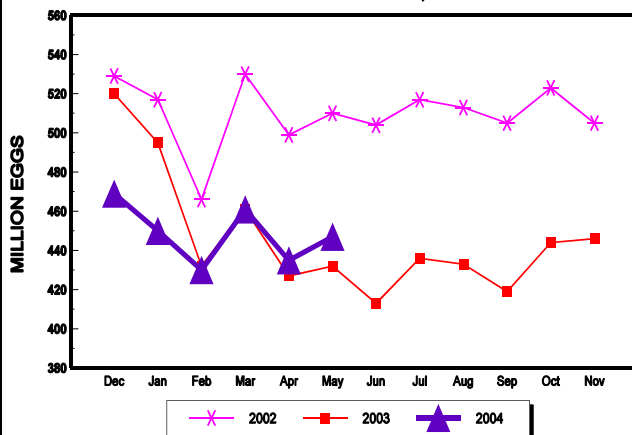
U.S. egg production totaled 7.50 billion during May 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.39 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2003. May 2004 contained 21 weekdays, five Saturdays and one holiday compared to May 2003, which contained 22 weekdays, five Saturdays and one holiday.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 343 million on June 1, 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.41 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 70.3 eggs per 100 layers on June 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year ago.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

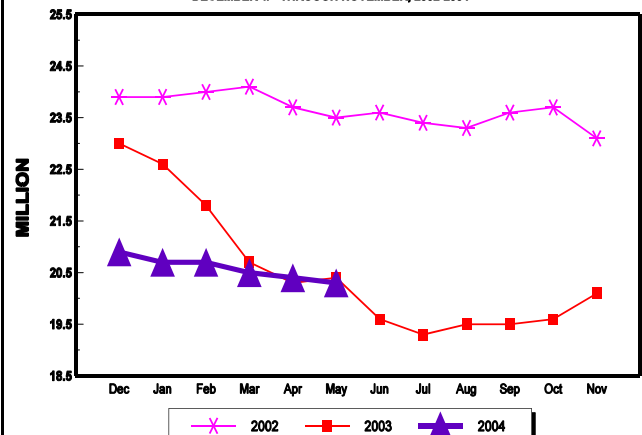
California's egg production during May totaled 447 million, 12.0 million more than last month and 15.0 million more compared to last May. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.3 million, slightly lower than last month and 1 percent less than May 2003. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,205 compared to 2,135 last month and 2,118 in May 2003.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



1/ Previous Year

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



1/ Previous Year

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MAY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JUNE 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,591	9,334	1,950	1,907	187	178	0.0	1.5	6.0	2.0
Arkansas	15,489	15,395	1,872	1,949	290	300	2.0	3.5	8.5	8.5
California	20,392	20,274	2,118	2,205	432	447	6.5	5.5	35.5	29.0
Georgia	20,553	20,106	2,082	2,069	428	416	6.0	5.5	13.5	16.5
Indiana	22,756	23,397	2,268	2,282	516	534	1.5	4.0	33.5	32.5
Iowa	38,362	43,567	2,203	2,220	845	967	5.0	3.5	35.5	37.5
North Carolina	11,055	11,030	1,990	1,967	220	217	3.0	2.0	8.0	7.5
Ohio	29,388	28,327	2,188	2,199	643	623	6.0	4.5	25.0	26.0
Pennsylvania	24,769	24,082	2,320	2,300	575	554	5.0	4.5	19.0	16.0
Texas	18,462	18,319	2,194	2,222	405	407	3.0	5.5	24.5	22.0
United States	336,164	342,085	2,180	2,192	7,327	7,499	4.2	4.8	23.4	23.3

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The May 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 810 million, was up 2 percent from May of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 660 million on June 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

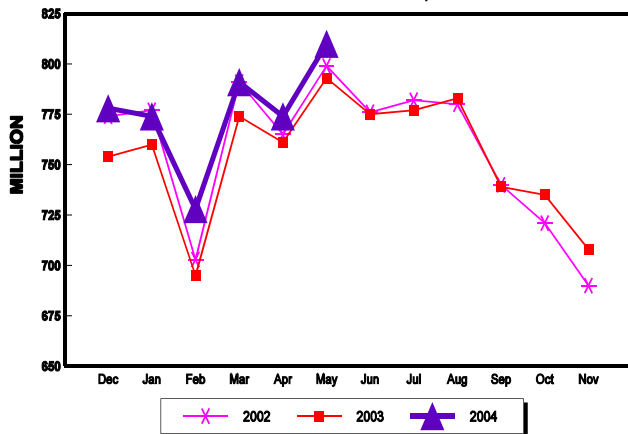
Leading breeders placed 7.50 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2004, up 2 percent from May 2003.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MAY

State	2003	2004	$\frac{2004}{2003}$
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	106,392	113,989	107
Arkansas	112,964	116,834	103
Delaware	13,656	13,979	102
Florida	5,587	5,021	90
Georgia	117,831	121,245	103
Kentucky	24,673	26,590	108
Louisiana	13,739	14,492	105
Maryland	35,666	31,999	90
Mississippi	70,870	73,182	103
North Carolina	70,083	68,746	98
Oklahoma	23,217	24,853	107
Pennsylvania	13,025	13,657	105
South Carolina	17,065	13,817	81
Texas	55,723	56,847	102
Virginia	24,658	24,267	98
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	63,653	66,766	105
Other States 1/	24,011	23,441	98
UNITED STATES	792,813	809,725	102

1/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



1/ Previous Year

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 38.6 million, up 3 percent from May 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on June 1, 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 255 thousand during May 2004, down 12 percent from May 2003.

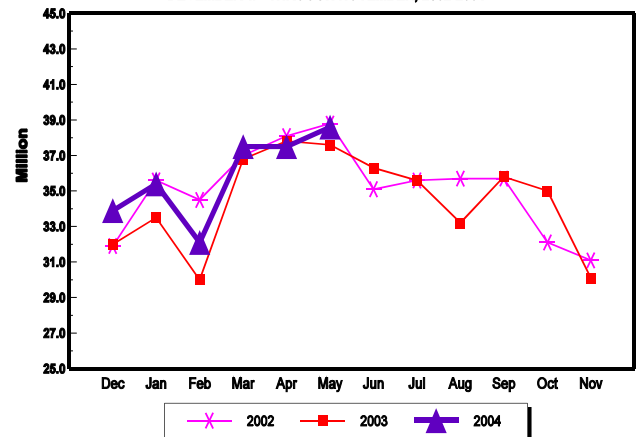
EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MAY

State	2003	2004	$\frac{2004}{2003}$
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	965	987	102
Florida	692	602	87
Georgia	2,429	2,377	98
Indiana	5,091	4,992	98
Iowa	6,561	5,889	90
Minnesota	1,130	859	76
Pennsylvania	4,247	5,251	124
Other States 1/	16,516	17,674	107
UNITED STATES	37,631	38,631	103

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EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



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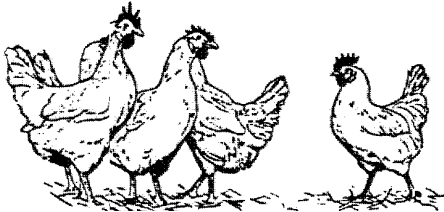
EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JUNE 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,257	11,845	97	4,768	5,974	125
East No. Central	8,442	8,342	99	7,297	7,577	104
West No. Central	22,777	25,018	110	7,412	8,271	112
South Atlantic	240,500	235,652	98	2,910	2,447	84
South Central	342,849	353,852	103	5,193	4,954	95
West	25,569	25,386	99	6,054	5,172	85
UNITED STATES	652,394	660,095	101	33,634	34,395	102

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average May prices received by California producers, when compared to April average prices, decreased 23 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the May broiler price, at 50 cents per pound, reached a new record-high due to strong domestic and increasing global demand. May market egg prices, at 46.8 cents per dozen, decreased 14.6 cents from April, continuing the decrease from the post Easter period. The May turkey price, at 40.4 cents per pound, is up 1.7 cents from last month.



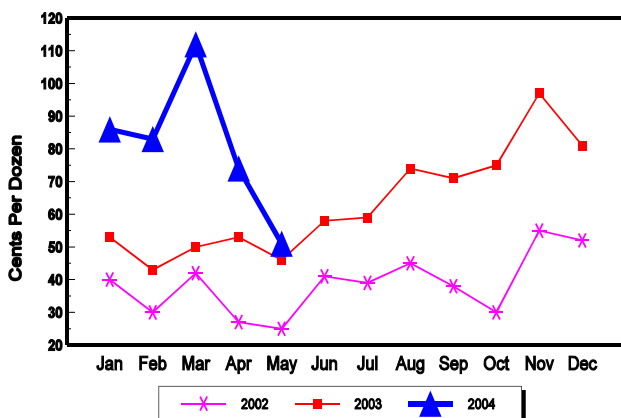
POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	May 2003	Apr. 2004	May 2004
Cents				
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	46.0	74.0	51.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	34.0	48.0	50.0
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	39.7	61.4	46.8
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lbs.	34.9	38.7	40.4

^{1/} The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Mid-month prices.

MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2002-2004



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States totaled 29.8 million on June 1, 2004, down 10 percent from June 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were slightly below the May 2004 total of 29.9 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central down 12 percent, West North Central down 4 percent, North and South Atlantic down 13 percent, South Central down 4 percent, and West down 19 percent.

The 23.6 million poults placed during May 2004 in the United States were down 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 5 percent from the April 2004 total of 24.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central down 13 percent, West North Central down 7 percent, North and South Atlantic down 5 percent, South Central down 4 percent, and West up 3 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators June 1		2004 2003	Poults Placed During May ^{1/}		2004 2003
	2003	2004		2003	2004	
	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.
E N Central	4,817	4,220	88	3,832	3,343	87
W N Central	11,863	11,361	96	9,261	8,613	93
N&S Atlantic	10,071	8,738	87	7,988	7,592	95
S Central	2,559	2,462	96	1,944	1,860	96
West	3,716	3,024	81	2,086	2,143	103
U.S.	33,026	29,805	90	25,111	23,551	94

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		03-04 02-03	Cumulative Total		03-04 02-03
	2002-03	2003-04		2002-03	2003-04	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	22,670	22,171	98	22,670	22,171	98
Oct.	23,811	22,805	96	46,481	44,976	97
Nov.	23,987	22,155	92	70,468	67,131	95
Dec.	23,977	23,424	98	94,445	90,555	96
Jan.	25,389	23,273	92	119,834	113,828	95
Feb.	23,833	22,905	96	143,667	136,733	95
Mar.	24,902	24,215	97	168,569	160,948	95
Apr. ^{2/}	24,938	24,666	99	193,507	185,614	96
May	25,111	23,551	94	218,618	209,165	96
June	25,422			244,040		
July	25,330			269,370		
Aug.	24,036			293,406		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

^{2/} Revised "Total All Breeds, 2003-04" data.

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PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	May 2003	April 2004	May 2004	May 2004 May 2003	May 2004 Apr. 2004
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	76,606	41,918	44,325	58	106
Chickens	Lbs.	41,543	29,176	29,180	70	100
Ducks	Lbs.	59	23	49	83	213
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	118,208	71,117	73,554	62	103
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	658,839	548,773	567,636	86	103
Chickens	Lbs.	687,241	645,821	670,479	98	104
Ducks	Lbs.	5,995	1,020	1,020	17	100
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	1,352,075	1,195,614	1,239,135	92	104
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	17,699	20,906	20,472	116	98

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